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TO: PROJECT COORDINATORS
NETWORK FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA (NETWORK)

SUBJECT: PROGRAM LETTER #07-06
UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES REORGANIZATION

Senate Bill 162 establishes the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) within the existing Health and Human Services Agency and statutorily transfers certain responsibilities from the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) to the new CDPH, effective July 1, 2007. At the same time, CDHS is renamed as the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

There are several benefits to the reorganization of the CDHS into CDPH and DHCS:

- To provide more focused leadership in public health and health care financing at the state level.
- To streamline management of complex program components along functional lines.
- To create a more effective public health infrastructure in California resulting in decreased illness, injury, and death rates.
- To provide greater protection for California residents in the event of an act of bioterrorism or other major public health emergency.
- To increase accountability, responsiveness, effectiveness, and transparency for the public health and health care purchasing functions of state government.
- To provide visibility on important health care issues to providers, local health departments, federal government, Legislature, advocates, press, and general public.
- To recruit and retain top quality staff for the new Departments.

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Current day-to-day operations for the Cancer Prevention and Nutrition Section will continue under the new CDPH after July 1, 2007. For more information about the CDHS reorganization, including organization charts and frequently asked questions, please go to the following website:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/home/organization/reorganization>

In mid-June, CDHS will send out specific information about new email addresses, website links, mailing addresses, and other information that you will need to communicate with the CDPH and DHCS programs. We also will post this information on the above website for ready reference.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR *NETWORK* CONTRACTORS

All new contracts placed in service after July 1, 2007, will be written under the new CDPH. Enclosed are new invoices and state share documentation reports with the new CDPH name. Please use these new templates for expenditures that occur after July 1, 2007.

Agreements approved before July 1, 2007, shall continue in full force and effect, with the newly formed CDPH assuming all of the rights, obligations, liabilities, and duties of the former CDHS and any of its predecessors as relates to the duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction vested by the Act in each of the resulting departments.

Please use existing invoice and state share documentation report templates for all expenditures prior to July 1, 2007. Also contact your assigned Contract Manager or Program Manager if you have any questions regarding any of the above clarifications.

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Enclosures